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**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

**General**

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application before this amendment. Claims 1-4, 9-12, and 15-20 are now canceled. Claim 5 is rewritten in independent form. Claims 5-8, 13, and 14 are pending in the application after this amendment.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 13 and 14 are allowed. Additionally, the Examiner has acknowledged that claims 5-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form and is therefore deemed now to be allowable. Claims 6-8 are dependent from claim 5, and are therefore deemed now to be allowable as claims dependent from an allowable base claim. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability.

**35 U.S.C. §103(a) Claim Rejections**

Claims 1-4, 9-12, and 15-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0044482 (Takeda) in view of Canadian Patent No. 2 291 430 (Lu). Claims 1-4, 9-12, and 15-20 are canceled, and the rejections are therefore moot.

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**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the pending claims 5-8, 13, and 14. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the applicant's attorney, Evelyn H. McConathy, at (215) 988-3361.

Respectfully submitted,

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